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**MEETING SUMMARY****June 11, 2003****CRHPC Rural Healthcare Workforce Group Meeting****WORKFORCE GROUP MEMBERS**

Sharon Avery, California Health Association

John Allard, Hospital Council of Northern & Central California

John Blossom, AHEC

Robert Isman, Dental Program Consultant, DHS

Brian Keefer, California Mental Health Planning Council

Bud Lee, CRHPC, OSHPD

Kiki Nocella, USC Tech School of Medicine/Department of Family Medicine

Lauri Paoli, California State Rural Health Association

Pablo Rosales, OSHPD Workforce and Community Development Division

Judith Shaplin, Mountain Health & Community Services, Inc.

Linda Zorn, Regional Health Occupations Resource Center, Butte College

ALSO PRESENT

Cynthia Gatlin, Executive Director, Dental Health Board

Earl Green, OSHPD Workforce and Community Development Division

Wynne Grossman, Executive Director, Dental Health Foundation

Kathleen Maestas, CRHPC

Beth Mertz, UCSF, Center for the Health Professions

Kerri Muraki, RHPC

Laura Roberts, Executive Director, Children and Families Commission, Lassen County

Toni Symonds, OPR, Rural Policy Task Force

Jessica Trubowitch, CRHPC

TOPIC	PRESENTER(S)
<p>Status of UCSF Research</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Published report in 1998 from Center for California Healthcare Workforce Studies on geographic distribution of dentists in Cal. 2. <u>California Dental Access Project</u> report recommends that 1) the impetus be placed on the government to determine underserved areas, rather than forcing locals to do it themselves in order to receive designation. 2) Look for new indicators for study of access to care. 3. Current projects include: 1) Evaluation of statewide recruitment methods of healthcare workers to underserved areas. 2) Analysis of dental services in Arizona. 4. Future projects include: 1) Statewide survey of dental hygienists. 5. To see reports online: www.futurehealth.ucsf.edu 	<p>Beth Mertz Project Director, UCSF - The Center for the Health Professions</p>
<p>AHEC Expansion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Background on AHEC. 2. Expanding AHEC from 10 to 20 centers. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A) Will try to use existing sites B) Large amount of factors influencing location C) In process of writing grant proposal in which the process of how the location will be decided will be laid out. 3. AHEC partnering w/ California Employees in Control Centers to create continuing education on bio-terrorism and disaster response. 	<p>John Blossom AHEC With input from: Lauri Paoli California State Rural Health Association Linda Zorn Regional Health Occupations Resource Center – Butte College</p>
<p>Status of the Eastern Slope Alliance (Lassen/Plumas/Sierra)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional response to health issues, with a focus on oral health. 2. Issues facing these rural counties: -Lack of pedodontists -No access to training -High cost of recruiting pedodontists 	<p>Laura Roberts Executive Director Children and Families Commission in Lassen County</p>

<p>Working Lunch</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How underserved areas are designated for nursing, dentistry, and pharmacy. 2. How to get "good data" 3. GIS 4. Healthcare Pathways Continued Coordinating Council 5. Do loan repayment programs work to keep doctors in rural areas in the long term? 6. How do licensing boards get their data/ info? 7. Impediments to private-public partnerships in training and development. 8. Checklist or toolkit to give hospitals to help engage the community. 	<p>Topics of Interest</p>
<p>Oral Health Access Coalition (what its about)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mission to educate on the ongoing oral health crisis and its consequences. 2. Improve oral health status of underserved. 3. Identify system level impediments to adequate oral health 4. Create and implement public policy strategies to reduce disparities in access. 5. 26 member organizations. 6. Lobbies legislature. 	<p>Wynne Grossman Executive Director Dental Health Foundation</p>
<p>California Dental Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AB 1428 (licensure by credential) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regulations for the loan repayment program are developed and going to the Board July 12, 2003. 2. Currently there are 400 applications for licensure by credential- there are 50 licenses issued. 3. Licensure by credential is a long process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AB 982 (Dental State Loan Repayment Program) 	<p>Cynthia Gatlin Executive Officer California Dental Board</p>